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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Sociology Georgia State University, Atlanta, 2019
Dissertation: “Hair That Moves: Black Solidarity, Cognitive Pluralism, and The Natural Hair Social Movement.” Committee: Drs. Rosalind Chou, Katie L. Acosta, and Wendy Simonds
- M.A. Sociology Georgia State University, Atlanta, 2013
Thesis: “Coloring Outside the Lines: An Intersectionality Approach to Understanding the Homeschooling Experiences of Black Families.” Committee: Drs. Ralph LaRossa, Tomeka M. Davis, and Anthony Hatch
- B.B.A. Finance Howard University, Washington, 2000

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Race and Ethnic Relations
Social Stratification and Inequality
Cognitive Sociology
Intersectionality
Social Determinants of Health
Sociology of Education
Children and Childhood Socialization
Social Movements

PUBLICATIONS

Taylor, Taura (*in press*). “Going Natural: Black Women’s Didactic Hair Culture.” In *Navigating the Black Hair Phenomenon*, edited by Tameka N. Ellington. Kent: Kent State University Press.

Taylor, Taura. 2018. “Exploring Black Women’s Homeschooling Experiences at the Intersections of Race, Gender, and Class.” Pp. 213-228 in *Marginalized Mothers, Mothering from the Margins (Advances in Gender Research, Volume 25)* edited by T. Taylor and K. Bloch. Emerald Publishing Limited.

Taylor, Taura. 2018. “Fatherhood, Resilience, and Black Men’s Mental Health: Exploring the Contributions of Black Homeschooling Fathers.” Pp. 235-249 in *The Handbook of Research on Black Males: Quantitative, Qualitative, & Multidisciplinary*, edited by T. S. Ransaw, C.P. Gause, and R. Majors. Michigan: Michigan State University Press.

Wingfield, Adia Harvey and **Taura Taylor**. 2016. "Race, Gender, and Class in Entrepreneurship: Intersectional Counterframes and Black Business Owners." *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 39(9):1676-1696.

Harvey, Adia Wingfield and **Taura Taylor**. 2014. "Entrepreneurship as Empowerment: Agency, Racial Counterframing, and Black Business Owners' Decision-Making Processes," chapter submission *Racism: Global Perspectives, Coping Strategies and Social Implications*, Nova Publishers.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Graduate Research Assistant, Dr. Adia Harvey Wingfield, Georgia State University, College of Arts and Sciences, Sociology Department, *Spring 2011-Fall 2011*: Assisted with research study examining racial differences in motivations for entrepreneurship; contacted and interviewed study participants; transcribed study interviews; analyzed data; and co-authored two manuscripts. Research sponsored by Kauffman Foundation.

Graduate Research Assistant, Dr. Christine D. Thomas, Georgia State University, College of Education, Department of Middle and Secondary Education, *Spring 2008-Spring 2009*: Performed general tasks associated with ongoing graduate student research projects; compiled and formatted notes; proofread graduate student submissions; and researched articles and literature related to mathematics education.

Survey Researcher/Volunteer, Drs. Erin Ruel, Deirdre Oakley, and Lesley Reid, Georgia State University, College of Arts and Sciences, Department of Sociology, *Summer 2008*: Conducted interviews and surveys for the Urban Health and Well-being Research Initiative for Neighborhoods in Transition project. Research sponsored by National Science Foundation.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Lecturer, Kennesaw State University, Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice, *2020-2021*. Courses include: Sociology of Deviance, Medical Sociology, Race and Ethnicity, and Introduction to Sociology.

Adjunct Professor, Oglethorpe University, Core Studies, *2020-2021*. Courses include: COR 201 and COR 202.

Visiting Lecturer, Georgia State University, Department of Sociology: Cognition and Society, and African American Families, *Summer 2020*; Race and Ethnic Relations, and Issues in the African American Community, *Spring 2020*; Introduction to Sociology, and Sociological Theory, *Fall 2019*.

Instructor, Kennesaw State University, Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice, *2017-2019*. Courses included: Social Change and Modernization, Social Class and Mobility, Introduction to Sociology, Sociology of Gender, and Race and Ethnicity.

Instructor, Georgia State University, Department of Sociology, 2015-2017. Courses included: Introduction to Sociology and Cognition and Society.

Guest Lecturer, Clark Atlanta University (2019), Georgia State University (2014), and St. Augustine's College (2011). Topics included: Black Feminist Thought: Controlling Images, Homeschooling: Ameliorating Racial Academic Disparities, Social Construction of Beauty: Black American Natural Hair, Bullying: Social Contexts and Social Consequences.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Owner, The Nappy Parlor, Natural Hair Care and Beauty Salon, *January 2004-Present*. The owner and operator of a natural hair care and beauty salon. Primary duties include: stylist, manager, and bookkeeper.

Continuing Education Provider, Natural Hair Care Basics for Professionals, Atlanta, *November 2011-Present*.

Advisory Board Member, My World Program, *April 2014-December 2017*. Primary duties included: developing resources, raising funds, and building awareness.

Facilitator, Atlanta Chapter of the National Domestic Workers Alliance, *January 2017*. Survey Skills Workshop.

Facilitator, Finding Your Voice: Breaking Through the Silence, Atlanta, Presented the topic, A Thoughtful Conversation about Beauty Conventions and Presentations of Self: How Beauty Ideals, Trends and Norms Affect Our Mental and Physical Well Being, *September 2015*.

Guest Natural Hair Care Instructor, Atlanta Natural Hair Care *Fall 2013*; Urbanbella Salon *Spring 2013*; Ritz Beauty Academy, *Fall 2012*.

Facilitator, Señor Dunker Campaign, San Pedro de Macorís, Dominican Republic: Presented the topic, Natural Hair Care and The Diaspora, *April 2010*.

Auditor, Georgia Department of Transportation, *September 2002-January 2004*. Performed audits and special analyses to ensure costs charge to GDOT by consultants, contractors, and other entities were accurate, reasonable, and complied with federal and state regulations.

ACADEMIC PARTICIPATION AND PRESENTATIONS

Panelist (forthcoming), The Nelson Center for Entrepreneurship at Brown University Second Research Conference Examining Entrepreneurship at the Intersection of Women, Refugees, Immigrants, Allyship, and Anti-Black Racism, *June 2021*.

Panelist (forthcoming), "Good Hair/Good Mother, Bad Hair/Bad Mother: How Natural Hair Constructs Black Motherhood," Southern Sociological Society, *April 2021*.

Presenter, “It’s Absolutely Beautiful to Me Now: Consciousness-Raising in the Natural Hair Thought Community,” American Sociological Association, *August 2020*.

Round Table Discussant, “Black Solidarity, Cognitive Pluralism, and the Natural Hair Social Movement,” American Sociological Association, Seattle, *August 2016*.

Presenter, “It is Not What is on Your Head but What is in Your Head: How Culture and Social Location Affect our Perception of Beauty,” Georgia State University, Conference on Glorious HAIR and Academic Identities, Atlanta, *June 2016*.

Presenter, “Naturalista Hair Care Basics 101,” Georgia State University, Conference on Glorious HAIR and Academic Identities, Atlanta, *June 2016*.

Panelist, Morehouse College, Topic: Black Images and Perceptions, *April 2014*

Presider, Author Meets Critic Session, Enobong Hannah Branch’s *Opportunity Denied: Limiting Black Women to Devalued Work*, Southern Sociological Society, Atlanta, *April 2013*.

Round Table Discussant, “Coloring Outside the Lines: How Black Families Identify within the Homeschooling Movement,” American Sociological Association, Las Vegas, *August 2011*.

MANUSCRIPT REFEREE

Humanity and Society

Ethnic and Racial Studies

INSTRUCTIONAL TRAINING

John Hopkins Certified COVID-19 Contact Tracing

Mastering Online Teaching: Fundamentals of Course Design & Delivery

Sociology 9001: Teaching Internship

Sociology 9000: Teaching Sociology

Prepped Courses: Introduction to Social Problems *Spring 2014*; TCSG Health and Safety, Course, *Spring 2014*.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association

Sociologists for Women in Society

Southern Sociological Society

REFERENCES

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